

MEMORANDUM

To: Indiana Superintendents/Building Principals

From: George Frampton, Director, Office of School Accreditation

Date: June 8, 2011

Subject: Legal Standards for Accreditation On-Line Assurances

The Indiana Department of Education has opened the Legal Standards' On-Line Assurances. There are minimal changes to the application; the Legal Standards remain the same. It is anticipated that the completion of Legal Standards 2-11 will take approximately ten minutes.

• June 30, 2011 Deadline: On-Line Assurances Legal Standards 2-11.

• <u>September 15, 2011 Deadline</u>: On-Line Assurance Legal Standard 1/Submission of School Improvement Plan.

It is important to remember that when completing the assurances, you are doing so to verify compliance for the 2010-2011 academic year.

To comply with recent legislation related to teacher evaluations, Legal Standard 8, Instructional Staff Compliance now has a notice that effective next year, school districts will be required to submit their teacher and administrator evaluation plans [only if they are going to use (ie: apply for) the money appropriated in the budget for teacher performance]. These are not being collected at this time. These plans will be <u>due June 30, 2012</u>.

The link to the assurance application is:

https://dc.doe.state.in.us/DOEOnline/Accreditation/Assurance/SchoolAssurance.aspx

The application requires administrators to use their corporation or building number and their secure corresponding pin #. Principals or Superintendents who do not know their pin number can contact the STN helpline, 1-800-527-4931 and select option # 2 for assistance.

| Legal Standard Assurances | Public Schools | Private Traditional Accreditation Schools |
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| 1. School Improvement Plan | Yes | Yes |
| 2. Curriculum | Yes | Yes |
| 3. Student Assessment | Yes | Yes |
| 4. Safety | Yes | Yes |
| 5. Timely Submission of Reports | Yes/Auto | Yes/Auto |
| 6. Student Health | Yes | No |
| 7. Student Services | Yes | No |
| 8. Instructional Staff | Yes | No |
| 9. 180 Instructional Days | Yes/Auto | Yes/Auto |
| 10. Annual Performance Report | Yes | No |
| 11. Corporation Curriculum | Yes | No |